Indications That Extremists Seek to Capture American Federation of Labor.

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If Miners Win Lewis Will **Probably Renew Combat** With Gompers.

UNIONISM FACING CRISIS

Conservatives, With Backs to Wall, Blame Radicals for Unsatisfactory Situation.

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members of the executive council, who represent the convervative wing of the organization, will draw up their plan of defense at a meeting May 10.

Radical leaders, Socialists from the garment trades and some of the delegates from Cleveland, Detroit and the Pacific coast will organize at a caucus which probably will be held during the opening days of the convention.

President Gompers, if he wants to be resident Gompers, if he wants to be resident Gompers, if he wants to be residented, may be obliged to fight for the position, as he did last year at the convention in Denver, when he defeated John L. Lawis, president of the United Mone Workers of America.

Supporting Gompers are Matthew Woll of Chloage, Jahn Tobin of Indiana polis and James Duncia, vice-president of the fractation and head of the Granite Cuttars' Union.

Gempers thus far has not indicated whicher he will be a candidate for reelection, but it is generally believed he will be nominated as a matter of course, With the exception of one term he has guilled the federation since its beginning, more than half a century ago.

Probably never in the federation's history has organized labor been so little supported as now. Assailed on every side the organization is fighting with its back to the wall. In numerous

falling throughout the United States, despite the fact that it has always been the federation's boast that it maintained a high standard of pay.

The present status of organized labor is due entirely to the attitude within its ranks of some radical leaders, according to members of the conservative group. They complain that had the rank and file of labor followed the Gompers leadership completely within the last two years all would have been well and the movement would have been stronger and larger than ever. BERLIN NOW CENTER

Both Sexes Supply Victims for Night Slayings. It is a matter of record that at the Denver convention Secretary Morrison made a report showing that the total paid up membership had declined.

The radical leaders claim that the "standpat" policies of the conservatives have weakened the prestige of the movement. Theirs is a militant policy. Thus far the conservative element, headed by Gompers has maintained a control of the situation, which, however, has not been as firm as desired.

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The fight to unseat Gompers at the Denver convention was a manifestation of the struggle between the conservative and radical forces. The victory of Gompers strengthened the conservative group, its members contend. No opposition will be ventured at the Cincinnati convention, they predict, saying the radicals are now whipped and the conservatives are free to go ahead and make policles without regard to them.

This claim is put forth to inspire confidence, and Gompers and his lleutenants, keeping their ears to the ground for the first whisper of opposition, declare that neither Lewis nor any one else will dare to oppose the candidacy

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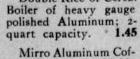
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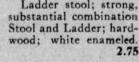
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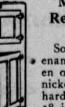


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